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NO PAPER TO-MORROW.

No paper will issue from this office to-morrow.

This announcement calls for an explanation.

New Year's day, unlike Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the Fourth of July, is what might be termed a new-producing day. Indeed, with the facilities for the collection of news that are possessed by the INDEPENDENT, a paper might be advantageously issued even the day following the anniversary excepted above. Three general holidays have come within five weeks, and it was the intention of the INDEPENDENT to break, to-morrow, the rule which has prevailed hitherto of suspending publication on the day after New Year's and issue a paper as usual. But in the early days of the Helena Typographical union, as in the infancy of unions elsewhere, when compositors were scarce, a rule was adopted that work on Sundays and legal holidays should call for double pay. Elsewhere the rule has been rescinded in deference to the wishes of the public and because there is now no scarcity of printers anywhere. The effect of the repeal of the double-price rule has been that daily papers in towns of equal importance with Helena are printed every day except Monday, and in some cases even on that day. But unfortunately the Helena Typographical union has not kept pace with the times. The INDEPENDENT compositors are the only ones who would be affected by the repeal of the rule, and to a man they are favorable to such repeal. The INDEPENDENT is the only newspaper in the city that would avail itself of the repeal to issue the morning after a holiday. But in spite of these facts, and in spite of the fact that those compositors who would not care to work would be permitted to engage substitutes, of whom there are an abundance, the Helena Typographical union, dominated by printers not directly concerned and by tramps and bummers, has refused to revoke the double-price rule.

The principle of double price for holiday work is utterly absurd and untenable. The very tramps who voted against the repeal would protest vehemently should the men behind the bars, where they spend the most of their earnings, exact "double price for holidays." A grocer, a milkman, a domestic who exacted an extra price for goods sold or services rendered on a holiday would have no opportunity to ask it twice of the same householder. But compositors—some of them—regard themselves as a privileged class and at once wrong the employer and his subscribers by setting up a rule that is vicious in its conception and dishonest in its workings, and that only operates to deprive men of one day's pay, which most of them can ill afford to lose.

A QUESTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

The civil rights amendment to the constitution has been assailed. The attacks come, not from the south, but from Boston, the home of Wendell Phillips, the stronghold in the days of anti-slavery agitation of the abolitionists. Had the capstone of Bunker Hill monument fallen from its place the painful surprise would not have been greater than ensued upon the declaration of Prof. John Lawrence Sullivan, late of Australia, upon terms of equality in the twenty-four-foot ring; and not only that, but he will decline to permit the light of his countenance to shine on the weight of his mighty left Duke to fall upon any one who has so far forgotten the dignity due a gentleman and a stunner as to put up his hands in a trial of dexterity in giving and of endurance in taking with the gentleman from the Antipodes, who, though a son of Ham, has shown himself to be wonderfully well equipped for argument in the school of logic in which Prof. Sullivan has hitherto been supposed to stand supreme. It might be injudicious to suggest that the length of reach possessed by the Australian, his agility, his science, his racial hardness of accoutre, his indifference to attacks that might mar the symmetry of a Caucasian nose, have something to do with the decision of Prof. Sullivan to not countenance the aspirations of this particular representative of the colored race to a social equality with the cultured professionals of the occidental world. To advance the theory that what befell another exponent of the Batic art, McAlliffe by name, who debated the question of race superiority with Prof. Jackson at San Francisco Friday night, has influenced Prof. Sullivan to take the stand he has assumed, would be to admit that he has pre-eminent qualities for membership in the noble and illustrious Order of Wind-Jammers, which certain envious rivals in the Batic philosophy have attributed to him for the last six or eight years, or ever since Paddy Ryan's truss won a world-wide fame at New Orleans. The truth may never be known. It may be approximated, however, when it transpires whether or no Prof. Sullivan really intends to meet Prof. Kilrain and discuss the question at issue between them according to the London P. R. rules. At present, and in the light of

the past, people may be pardoned if they suspect that the race question has been raised by Prof. Sullivan in order that he may not have his laurels taken by the coffee-colored gentleman from Australia or the pet of the California Athletic club.

THE PAST YEAR.

The old year is dead; a new year, 1889, is born.

The year that expired with the striking of the midnight hour has been a sad one in many parts of this country. Early in July the yellow fever obtained a foothold in Florida, and before it was subdued by the arrival of frost it had scored something like 5,000 victims, most of them residents of Jacksonville. Decatur, Ala., also was visited by the plague. There have been, as usual, disastrous floods, fires and tornadoes in different parts of the country—the ever memorable blizzard in Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas, in which many lives were lost and much suffering endured, and that at New York, where business was completely embargoed for several days, perhaps constituting the most remarkable. A tornado at Mount Vernon, Ill., resulted in the death of thirty-nine individuals and the destruction of much property, while other wind storms later in the year did much damage. There were fires in cities and towns and in the woods, of which the greatest was at Buffalo, caused by the explosion of natural gas and where the loss was about \$1,200,000.

Ahead the record is dark. Floods in Mexico during July drowned perhaps 2,000 people, while in China 15,000 lives were lost by an earthquake in the Yun-nan district. In Japan 300 and over perished by a volcano, and in the Philippine Islands 100 were killed by a similar eruption. Mine disasters were of the usually frequent occurrence. The greatest was in Africa, where 1,800 men were entombed. At the Wickes tunnel, on the Montana Central railway, a cave-in killed eight or nine laborers.

Death found some shining marks last year on both hemispheres. Two emperors, father and son, were taken from Germany, the aged William dying March 9 and Frederick III. June 15. Seyyed Barghash, sultan of Zanzibar, and ex-President Salomon, of Hayti, also died. In this country the foremost among public men who fell were Gen. P. H. Sheridan, Roscoe Conkling, Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite, ex-Attorney-General R. H. Brewster, ex-Gov. John T. Hoffman, Gen. Q. A. Gillmore and C. G. Memminger, secretary of the treasury in the so-called confederate government. Literature and art lost Prof. Richard A. Procter, D. H. Strother (Porte Crayon), Matthew Arnold, E. F. Roe, A. Bronson Alcott and Louise M. Alcott (father and daughter, who died within a few days of each other), F. O. C. Darley, Mary Howitt, the widow of Barry Cornwall, and Robert Morris, "the poet laureate of Free Masonry." The Episcopal church of Wisconsin lost two bishops—John Henry Hobart Brown, of the diocese of Fond du Lac, and Bishop Welles, of Milwaukee diocese. The Catholic Archbishop Lamy, of New Mexico, and Lynch, of Toronto, died during 1888. James Freeman Clarke, equally distinguished as a Unitarian preacher and a litterateur, also is dead. Of journalists who have crossed over the dark river may be mentioned A. S. Abell, of Baltimore; ex-Lieut. Gov. Dorschner, of New York; R. M. Pulsifer, of Boston, and D. R. Locke (Petroleum V. Nasby). Among others who died during the year were W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist; Commodore Kittson, of St. Paul; Charles Crocker, of the Central Pacific railway; George H. Corlies, the inventor of the Corlies engine; Dr. Cornelius Agnew, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. C. S. Lozier, the pioneer of women physicians.

The year has been marked by some memorable labor disturbances, notable among which were the strike of the engineers and firemen on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway system; that of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, which took out 25,000 men and lasted eighteen days, resulting in a victory for the association; the Indianapolis and Denver switchmen's strike, and the strike of street-car drivers in Chicago, which resulted in some serious rioting and the defeat of the men, many of whom lost their situations. The strikes were, as a rule, equally damaging to employers and employees.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.
New York, Dec. 29.—Bar silver, 92½.
Copper—steady; lake and January, \$17.40.
Lead—bid last from domestic, \$3.95.
This was in all probability the lowest full day of the year, and only in the first hour and again in the last hour was there anything like animation shown in the market. At the same time the general belief in a better time coming after the first of the new year led to some buying and the tone of dealings was firm almost throughout the day. The most active firm, through which all fractional advances for the day. Government bonds closed steady at 104 above Saturday's close and closed firm at 104.
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Chicago Produce.
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Weak; lower, cash, \$1.01½; January, \$1.01½; May, \$1.01½.
Corn—Easy; cash, 34; January, 34½; May, 37½.
Oats—Steady; cash, 25; May, 25½.
Pork—Easy; cash and January, \$12.85; May, \$13.00.
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